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## Paul the Aged.

Such is the great Apostle's description of himself in his letter to his friend Philemon. Did you ever stop a moment over these words and get some idea of the man who thus writes of himself. It is not often that you will find men who thus speak of themselves. They rather resent the idea of encroaching years as in the least affecting their energies, and even in the midst of deserved retirement from the active duties of life, insist that there are years of usefulness still left. The Apostle has not however retired from the service to which he had dedicated himself in the strength of a glorious manhood. He is aware that his strength is failing. The 'strong men are bowing themselves,' the keepers of the house are trembling, the grinders are few, and 'those who look out of the windows are darkened.' His work is well nigh finished and he is not only ready to depart but through the half opened door he sees the crown held in waiting for his coming. His work has been unselfish, full of denying and hardship in behalf of others. The world has been the better for his life and work. He has made many enemies, and these are the enemies of his Lord also. He has many friends who have rejoiced in the labors more abundant, and who have been brought into the glorious light and liberty of the children of God. These do not forget him in these days of age and infirmities. One of the brightest pictures in the book is their care of him, and also their care of others who like him had not had time to amass this world's goods for they were busy about the things of the kingdom. The aged are still with us, who like Paul have well nigh passed the years of active service, and some have been laid aside from infirmities that forbid their longer engaging in the great work. Can anything be more beautiful, more pleasing to Him whose we are and whom we serve than to have these aged ones in remembrance for their work's sake, and in the day of their need to minister as we have opportunity to their bodily comfort? Our people for years have been doing this work during the Christmas holidays. Let there be no forgetfulness of them this next week, but as you review the blessings of the year, and are making expressions of your love in gifts, send me something to meet the needs of these dear old people who stay with us a little while and then go home to be with him where there is no more hunger nor need. I had a letter a few days ago telling me that one to whom I had sent Draft was so glad and thankful to receive it, but it had come just as the Spirit was leaving its tenement of clay. How happy I was as I read it to know

that in some way God's people had enabled me to relieve the distress of this aged saint. Others are left to our care, and I hope for many and liberal responses in their behalf.

A. V. ROWE.

## Child Labor in the South.

West of Virginia, three States, Tennessee, Louisiana and Kentucky, have laws, prohibiting child labor. Alabama, Texas, North and South Carolina have laws regulating it. With the exception of South Carolina the last named States secured their laws during the current year.

A child labor bill was defeated last August in the Georgia Assembly, chiefly through the opposition of the mill owners. The King's Daughters expect to have a child labor bill introduced in the Mississippi legislature which will convene next January. Florida not being a manufacturing State, has not awakened to this great question, though deplorable child labor is reported in the lumber mills.

The Federation of Women's Clubs has been the special agency among women's organizations which has forced legislation in the South in the protection of children in factories. Federated Labor, however, working to protect adult labor, has been a main factor in securing laws which shall shut out the child as a competitor. The cupidity of the mill-owners and the cupidity of the parent unite to defeat such legislation. Children as young as five years of age, have been found working all day in cotton factories. Many children, some not over seven years old, work from 6 p. m., to 6 a. m. Those who change the bobbins on the frame, usually small boys, run sixteen or seventeen miles in a day with their trucks between frames. A horrible form of dropsy, pneumonia and consumption are the diseases which are widespread as the results of the conditions of factory children's lives. Mutilated hands through amputation of fingers are common. In one mill city only one doctor has reported he has personally amputated more than one hundred babies' fingers mangled in the mills. Many toil for ten cents per day; 25 cents is a common wage; few receive 40 cents. Somewhat over eleven hours is the average day of a child-worker, though it is not unusual for many to work fourteen hour. Thirty per cent of the hands in many mills are children; the proportion in some factories reaches fifty per cent. In the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama alone 2,000 children are in the mills; 10,000 of them are under twelve years of age.

A large part of Southern mills are owned or controlled by northern capital, attracted by cheap white labor. Few negroes

are factory hands. A mild climate and certain work are bringing an increase of northern children into the rapidly multiplying factories of the South, chiefly from the congested factory districts of large cities.

It must be a well concerted fight that will free the mill-children. Greed of mill-owner and parent, ignorance and poverty are 'slaughtering the innocents.' They are a strong combination to battle against. It will be necessary to educate public sentiment as well as the legislative mind in order to secure to the children of the 'poor whites in the South' natural and legal protection against their grown-up enslavers of the mills.

South Carolina laws are not yet satisfactory to those who are fighting the child's battles. The North Carolina law is a neat one. The Alabama bill aroused acid criticism as a compromise. The Texas law is considered to be ideal at this stage of the child labor question.

HARRIET B. KELLS.

Associate in The Temp. and Labor Dept. of Nat. W. C. T. U. for Child Labor in the South.

THE BAPTIST joins the Clarion-Ledger in saying: 'We are glad to state that Mrs. Eron O. Gregory, the assistant in the Department of Archives and History, after a severe illness of several weeks is able to resume her duties in the office. Mrs. Gregory's care of the correspondence and other important matters, during Director Rowland's absence has won for her the sincere admiration of all who know her, and her many friends in the city, and throughout the State wish her much success.'

A very busy pastor of one of our best churches writes: 'I shall be happy to write articles on assigned subjects, or write paragraphs for the first page, or if you think best for the cause, write nothing. I want the best thing done. It seems to me that we pastors should be very happy to serve our editorial brethren in the best way possible. Command me; for I am yours to serve and do my best to make our State paper great.'

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McClelland invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Alvena to Mr. Patrick Lee Brittain, on Wednesday, the 23rd of December, at one o'clock, Second Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. We congratulate the young man on his success in winning the hand and heart of so estimable a young lady, which unites two more of our leading Baptist families.



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## Herbert Spencer.

He is dead. The author of "Synthetic Philosophy," who, by the law of evolution, accounts for everything everywhere, even the universe itself, is no more. He who acknowledged no God, save the great "absolute" and "unknowable," has been called into the presence of Jehovah God. He who accepted the Bible account of nothing in time or eternity, concerning man, God, angel or devil, and because of which, at the end of a long and laborious life of four score and three years, he had not attained unto the wisdom of a common corn and negro, who has learned that "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," and that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," has been summoned into the presence of Him who made all things, to give an account of his stewardship. "It is the common fate of all to be so called, sooner or later, and who is the man who has not been wise above what is written, but has learned to know, honor, love and obey the otherwise unknowable."

Herbert Spencer, of good English stock. His father was a school teacher by profession, and a Wesleyan in religion. Herbert, at an early age, went to live in the home of a "clergymen" of the Church of England, whose father, aged the young man's scientific bent of mind, but seemingly did not make much effort to direct him religiously. Before coming of good stock, he was born at a good time; in the best part of a good country. He was not from the highlands, nor the lowlands, but from the midlands, even from the very heart of England. He was born in 1820, five years after Napoleon's bright star of hope stood at the battle of Waterloo, flickered awhile and went out forever; five years before Huxley was born, and when Darwin was only seven years old, which placed him in the midst of the coming van of the evolutionists.

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He could hardly be called a great scholar, although he was what the world calls a great philosopher, for, while he was greatly "learned in all the learning of sun, star and planet, beast and fish, the mind of man" and every creeping thing upon the earth, yet he did not so much as have a passing acquaintance with the classics, not even so much as learning the Greek alphabet. Because of his dislike for the classics, he never went to the university, and of course never took his degree. He started out at the age of seventeen as a civil engineer on the Gloucester and Birmingham railroad, but soon gave this up, and gave himself up to his life-work.

At the age of thirty, he endeavored to give to the world his first book, "Social Statics," but he could not find a publisher, who would take the risk of getting it out. He published seven hundred and fifty copies himself, which it took him fourteen years to sell. Five years later, his "Principles of Psychology" came out the same way, and in the same number of copies, which after giving away "a considerable number," he sold the remainder in twelve years and a half. It continued about this way with him for more than a quarter of a century, when he won a name and fame by evolving a system of philosophy, which rests upon what might be called his grand law of evolution, and which "grand law" runs as follows:

"Evolution is an integration of matter and concomitant dissipation of motion; during which the matter passes from an indefinite, incoherent homogeneity to a definite, coherent heterogeneity, and during which the retained motion undergoes a parallel transformation"—all of which is just as clear as mud, but not more so.

But it is in the realm of religious matters that we are concerned most with him here and now. With his law of evolution as his guide, he is an iconoclast of the iconoclasts; and, easily, the chief seat among the infidels, by right, belongs to him, whom the world today hails as the chiefest philosopher in the English tongue! With his little axe he has gone up and down in the earth and girdled every tree in the gospel forest—or thought he had—and hewn down every altar found, whether built to god's many, or to the only true and living God, it was all the same to him. And if the foundations of society have not been destroyed, it is not Herbert Spencer's fault. As to the Bible he would have none of it; discarding which, of course, he rejected God and all the holy things He said, did and proposes to do. He called in question the origin and meaning of marriage and the home, and in fact everything that is near and dear to the human heart, in the most cherished and sacred relations of life. And yet, such is the man, we mourn today as the foremost thinker of our time!

Surely, if the world ever turns seriously to Spencerianism, the day of its final desolation will not be long in coming. But thank God, this world does not run according to Spencer, or any other poor worm of the dust. God is still on the throne in the midst of love and Jesus

Christ, our elder Brother, is at his side, and we shall not be greatly moved. His message to the world still is, as it ever has been, and shall be to the end, "Look unto Me and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth; for I am God, and beside Me there is none else." And every one who looks lives. Yes, Spencer or no Spencer, after we have toiled awhile on this grand old earth, handiwork and footstool of God, believing in Jesus Christ, His Son, though we die, yet shall we live again, not on earth, but in a mansion in the skies, a house of God not built with hands, eternal and in the heavens. "Wherefore let us comfort one another with these words" to the praise of His glory forever.

## Notes and Comments.

Don't let Christmas come and find your pastor unpaid this year, nor the editor of your paper either.

There are several vacant pulpits in the State, but in filling them it is to be hoped that there will be as little "trotting" 'em down the pike" as is possible.

The price of cotton ought to stop the tide that has caused so many people to leave their farms and seek employment in the towns. With cotton at or above ten cents, on the farm is the finest place on this earth to do well, and rear a family.

Protracted meetings are still running. Down in Pike county the outgoing and the incoming pastors—Brethren F. M. Schilling and Thigpen are holding a meeting this week. That is a fine way to close a pastorate. The "coming revival" has been on hand in Mississippi for years already, and still the tide rises.

The South Carolina Baptists have raised \$105,000 and secured \$20,000 promised by their own C. H. Judson for Furman University. Of course there was rejoicing when they met last week in their State Convention—they had done it themselves, without waiting for outside help.

Nearly all the Baptist State Conventions meet in the fall of the year now. In fact, those of Mississippi and Louisiana are the only ones that meet in mid-summer, so far as we now remember. The fall is the natural and logical time. There is money in the country; the protracted meeting season with our country churches is over; the campaign for missions, education and general efficiency of the churches in the associations is just over, and from these we gather in the State Convention to put on the finishing touches and lay out the work for another year. The fall is the natural and logical time to meet, we are sure.

C. A. Woodson, in the *Western Recorder*, is responsible for the following paragraph on a call to the ministry, which is worth keeping in mind: "God, through the influence of His Spirit, exerted on the mind

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and conscience of the individual man, commencing often early in life, impresses him with the thought or conviction that he ought to preach His Word. Such impression may come more and more rapidly as the person grows older. If he resists, which is often the case, God deepens the impression so that at times under the influence of a good hymn, sermon, or at a baptismal gathering, he is moved to tears at the thought that he may be neglecting his life's work. If these warnings or impressions are still unheeded, God may, and usually does, place him on a sick bed, or corner him on some other peninsula of His providence, and so head him off, that he cries out, 'Lord I yield,' or 'Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel,' and so he enters the work."

There are some difficulties along our pathway that cannot be removed by any sort of persistence or strategy. They are stubborn and will remain. Then the only thing left to do, is to go around them or rise above them, and go on, leaving them to enjoy undisputed possession of the place they occupy. If possible, cut your way through all difficulties, batter them down and force them out of the way, but, if this cannot be done, you cannot afford to stop. The only way to deal with dust, smoke or fog, is to get away from them. Treat them according to the following advice for beating a fog: "The only way to beat a fog is to rise above it. You cannot blow it to pieces with artillery. You cannot dissipate it by searchlights. But you can leave it below you. Get into the higher regions; for there it never comes. From some lofty height in the great mountains of the world we have looked down upon one vast sea of fog which filled all the procumbant valleys; but where we stood, the sun was shining in his strength; and for leagues and leagues around us glittered a world of beauty as untouched of shadows as the walls of the New Jerusalem. He who dwells upon the heights, dwells in safety, because there alone he dwells in light."

Cotton is king on the throne again. A few years ago, the man who said that cotton would ever sell for ten cents again was regarded as a plain, old-fashioned fool. But today it is going at twelve cents, and—may sell for fifteen cents by Spring! The crop is short, the supply of course short and the demand the greatest in the world's history. From all indications it's going to range high all the season and on into the years to come. Now is there nothing more in this than the law of supply and demand? That much to be sure and more. God is in it. For at least two years our people have been getting a larger vision of things religious and eternal; they have planned more largely for preaching the gospel of the Son of God around the world; they have called for the gates to be opened and the walls have fallen down along with the gates; and they have asked Him to raise up men of means to go in and possess the lands, and

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He is pouring it into the pockets of every body. The like has not been seen before. What must we do with it? Use it—build new and better homes, churches, endow our colleges, educate our children, take and pay for more good books and papers, especially our own denominational paper, double and quadruple our contributions to missions, the Orphanage, raise the salaries of every body—clerks, teachers, pastors and in fact every body. It is the "love" of money and not "money" itself that is a root to all kinds of evil, according to the Scriptures, you know.

## How Science Confirms the Existence of God.

It is beginning to be more and more apparent that science, instead of being antagonistic to religion is rather its strongest ally. Even skeptical scientists find themselves reaching conclusions which they had not foreseen. Mr. Metchnikoff, author of "The Nature of Man" (Putman), is perhaps the most recent of this skeptical school to startle himself with his own conclusions. He belongs to that group of scientists who feel it incumbent to place themselves in antagonism with religion. But here is an example showing how this great scholar is led to acknowledge the existence of a Higher Mind. Concerning fossorial wasps, he writes:

"Fossorial wasps never see their young. They lay their eggs in burrows, sunk in the soil, and hermetically sealed. The larvae are hatched underground and are never seen by the mother. Provision sufficient for their development, however, is made in advance. Before depositing eggs, the females sink the burrows, and fill them with the spoils of the chase, which consist sometimes of crickets and other insects.

The captured insects are not dead, but only paralyzed. . . . The continuance of the function of certain organs demonstrated that the Buprestes, the weevils and other small creatures collected in the burrows of fossorial wasps, were alive. . . . The mechanism of this paralysis, so far as could be ascertained by Fabre, is one of the most remarkable phenomena in nature. The fossorial wasps, guided by their instinct, immediately after having seized an insect or spider, bury their sting in the nervous center which controls the movements of the legs.

"When animals with soft bodies, such as spiders and young crickets, are attacked, the operation does not present any difficulties. But Coleoptera in general and the Buprestes and weevils in particular, are furnished with a very hard covering which cannot be perforated by the small and slender sting of a fossorial wasp. To gain their object the wasps probe exactly between the first and second pair of legs in the median line of the under surface of the thorax. The skin is thinner at this spot and they introduce their sting into the ganglia from which arise the nerves of the legs. In the case with the Buprestes these ganglia are set close to one another, and a single prick suffices to affect the nervous centers of three pairs of legs. Once the

sting has been inserted in this way the Buprestes becomes paralyzed, but lives for many days. . . . It is impossible to see in their proceedings the result of happy chance. More than chance is required to explain adaptations so precise.

"After having filled the burrow with a sufficient quantity of insects or spiders, fossorial wasps lay their eggs and carefully close up the entrance. In due course the larva is hatched and devours the food that it finds close at hand. If the gathered insects were not paralyzed, they could easily escape from their prison; if they were dead, putrefaction or desiccation (according to circumstances) would render them unfit for the larvae. It is, therefore, sheer necessity that is the factor in the development of this marvelous instinct that induces the fossorial wasps to attack the nervous centers of their prey. When one insect has been devoured, the larva proceeds to another, and so on, until it is fully grown, whereupon it develops itself in a case that protects it during the winter and following spring. In summer it changes at first into a chrysalis, and later into a perfect insect. It frees itself from the cocoon, takes to flight, and enters upon life like that of its mother, which it has never seen."

We could fill page after page and book after book with just such wonderful daily occurrences. We could go outside the realm of animal life, we could go to plant life, and do the same thing. We could go to the firmament, with its wonderful arrangement. There are certain things which we know we cannot grasp, but we refuse to believe such wonders are results of chance.—Ram's Horn.

## Christmas Day.

There is an evil, for I do really think it an evil, to teach error, and when I see the names of our Sunday-school leaders and the Professors in Colleges lending their influence to propagating error, I want to say something. It is a growing evil too:—That is teaching that Christmas is the birthday of our blessed Savior. When I was a child Xmas was only a jolly time of the year, to hang up our stockings for Santa Claus—a happy delusion of little children, that vanishes as the mist of a cloudy morning—Then the turkey dinner with plenty good things to eat—the coming home of absent loved ones—just a glad happy time—and no harm done—it is one among our happiest recollections. In my early married life, Bro. N. L. Clarke was my pastor, and I will never forget a Christmas sermon of his. In it he said, the day of Christ's birth was hidden from us, by an All-wise God, He knowing our weak frame. The Day would be more to us, than the Savior. If it were best to know the day, don't you think one of the Evangelists would have mentioned it especially? this is what I taught my children, and am trying to inculcate in my grand-children, but they look at me in open-eyed wonder, when they are taught it in Sunday-school, and their little story papers. Let us fight the many evil practices of the day—going to the battle, in the strength of the Almighty God—and not by teaching—that it is the Birthday of Christ.

ONE OF YOUR READERS.



## "The Field is the World."

Many marvelous enterprises have been undertaken by men; not a few have been carried on to glorious completion; while others have only been stupendous failures, and the glory of some has been that they failed. Not every great undertaking would succeed. If so it would add shame and shame, and forever be a barrier to righteousness.

Jesus Christ set on foot the most stupendous enterprise that ever was placed before men; no wild dreamer, no fanatic, no hunger-seeking despot ever conceived any plan half so audacious. To bring all the world to one religion, to be as one great family, to live in peace, righteousness and goodness; has in it all the elements of true moral heroism and dignity. But with an infinite God back of this enterprise its difficulties wane as mist before the rising sun.

Survey the greatness of the field—the world. To speak in a purely practical way we have only won enough territory for a base of supplies and operations. In this hemisphere we have Mexico, all the Central American countries and South America to win, besides many islands and frontier portions of our own country and Canada. Passing over to the eastern hemisphere and speaking in the same practical manner the task has hardly begun. Africa, Asia and much of Europe scarcely touched. Indeed the undertaking is very great, but remember the Lord said, "Go."

View the greatness of the field statistically. Not having a late census I must use old figures, but the latest could be only a little better. I shall estimate the population by adherents to religious as in that way I can accomplish two things. Jews 7,000,000; Christians (of all sects) 484,000,000; Mohammedans 155,000,000; Hindus 160,000,000; Buddhists 500,000,000; Confucians 80,000,000; Shinto Religion 14,000,000. These figures do not include the Fetishism of the African and American tribes which would add several millions more. There are only 101,091,941 Protestants and Baptists in the world as against nearly 2 not more than, 1,500,000 to be evangelized, or about 1.1%; or about 1 Baptist to every 150 of the world's population. These figures are, I am sure, not accurate, but they are practical, and I am also sure that they do not likely err in our favor.

Now view the world morally. This presents a most horrifying scene. If ever angels weep, or demons blush this is surely the occasion. See men and women truly revolting in the most unmentionable, abominable ways with no conception of shame! See girl babies left to starve, merely because they are girls, or bought and sold as articles of commerce for purposes of shame. In many heathen lands women are the most immoral servants to men, to say nothing of their moral relation.

In most countries where Catholicism predominates, as Spain, the Philippines, Cuba, Mexico, South America and the other Catholic stronghold, the real condition is little better, especially among the

poor. In these countries not only is the morality of a very low order, but real spirituality is unknown even among the priests. The decency found is nearly all of the whitened sepulchre type. And no wonder when idolatry pure and simple is the rule.

Stop, think, meditate seriously. These individuals are all destined for hell. They are dying at a rapid rate—two for every tick of your watch. How, then, can we sit unconcerned by and do nothing to help them. What does this mean to you, "for all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Gal. 5:14). You claim to be anxious about your own salvation; but how about your neighbors? These lost souls are your neighbors for whom Christ died. When I find a man making real sacrifices to save souls I readily believe he is saved himself, but there are many reasons to doubt the safety of a man who is not trying to save others. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (Jas. 2:26).

This undertaking, to cultivate the whole world, calls for all the noblest energies in us to be fully exerted. The Lord has no place for idlers; and as little use for half hearted service. I could not, observing how professed Christians live, believe in salvation by works, even if the Bible was silent on the subject, and would seriously doubt its practicability if the Bible taught such a doctrine. "I know thy works, thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:15, 16). Some people are very much afraid of extremists, enthusiasts—God is not. Paul, the chiefest of the apostles and all saints, was beside himself to honor God and save men.

To be a missionary requires the greatest wisdom to be the greatest success; and the same is true of all winners everywhere. To manage a great missionary enterprise, such as ours, requires intellect that would adorn senatorial chambers. Our very best cultivated young men and women are sent to the fields. Whoever imagines that all heathen are dull witted, stupid minded fools shows himself very ignorant. But suppose they were! It would still require shrewdness to deal with them most effectively. The Savior charged the apostles when he sent them on their first missionary tour in the following words: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and they will scourge you" (Matt. 10:16, 17).

The work calls for the greatest perseverance. I challenge the world to find any other body of men who have toiled as perseveringly as foreign missionaries have. I dare say that a smaller per cent. of them have given up the work than of any other body of men in any great calling. Many have labored single-handed and alone, their lives being constantly in imminent

danger, but still refusing to retreat.

The courage needed for this kind of work is of the sublimest kind. There are no Laurels of national decorations awaiting the missionary; no great treasures to be found to stimulate him. His only incentive to dare is that he may honor his Lord, have his approval and after death share his glory. To the world this is a very poor incentive but to him who feels called by God to leave home and die for others it is everything. In the missionaries pioneer work the hardships are indescribable, his privations many times inconceivable. True; after a mission is fully established a church well organized, the hardships are greatly relieved. But no mission field can, as yet, be as desirable as a home surrounded by one's own nationality and relatives.

All these things should encourage us who stay at home to gladly deprive ourselves for those in the real fight. What is the gift of a few dollars compared with the sacrifice our missionaries are compelled to make?

The thing most needed by the missionary as well as his supporters is sublime faith in God. The faithless man has no part in God's kingdom. There is neither task nor reward for him. But the glories of marvelous achievement and the treasures of inconceivably rich rewards await the faithful ones.

But what of the prospects of success? "Just as bright as the promises of God." For missionary work, when done in the fear of God and for His glory, to fail is for God to fail. A thing utterly inconceivable. Note some Scriptures: "The Lord has called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will help thee, and give thee for a covenant to the people, for a light to the Gentiles;" (Isa. 42:6), and again Isaiah says, "The Gentiles shall come to thy light," (Isa. 60:1). God has promised, they shall come, and no power can prevent it. They have come, they are coming, and still shall they come! Matthew says, "in his name shall the Gentiles trust." What more assurance does any candid, sincere man want of success.

The glorious results that are to follow now claim our attention. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever;" (Dan. 2:44). "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks," (Isa. 2:4). "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death," (1 Cor. 15:25, 26). "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, of His church; and he shall reign forever and ever," (Rev. 11:15).

This glorious end is to be accomplished by the simple preaching of Jesus Christ as the Son of God incarnate, crucified, risen and now reigning in glory to intercede for his people. We are under solemn charge to "preach the gospel to every creature."

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? (Rom. 10:13-15.) These are pertinent and solemn questions; they must be answered now, or later. We will be compelled to answer them.

W. JAS. ROBINSON.

Water Valley, Miss.

## Field Notes.

Flora, Belzona, Greenville and Baird were visited by the tramp quite recently. It is always a pleasure to look in on these saints. The Flora Bishop was quite busy looking after the flock. He and his people are rejoicing in the prosperity the Lord is sending them. Their gratitude to God for His abundant mercies is manifesting itself in enlarged benevolences to the worthy objects fostered by our people. The work of the Lord is prospering in their midst.

Pastor Cooper is highly esteemed by the good people of Belzona and the outlook for the future is promising. The Greenville saints are highly pleased with their new Bishop. He is bringing things to pass in the Delta City. It was learned that he has been giving the people some stirring sermons on the social evils of the day, such as—dancing, card parties, theater going, etc., and he is cheered with the reflection that good fruits are following their delivery. It was the writer's pleasure to share the hospitality of his home. He has a most interesting family. Like ye scribe he is blessed with a perfect number of young hopefuls that claim the care of himself and the assistant pastor.

The beloved H. N. Alexander is just completing a magnificent home in close proximity to the temple of Justice. He has in this home a very beautiful room to be known as the "prophet's chamber." There is just a little rivalry between Bro. W. M. Burr and the tramp as to which shall have the honor of dedicating it to its future use. Timely warning is hereby given him to be watchful else he might find himself second-best in the race.

Baird—The writer has been preaching here on Sabbath evening of the 2d Sabbath for several months. There are a number of Baptists in the town, and they need the gospel and should be looked after. "A hint to the wise is sufficient." But enough, O. M. LUCAS.

## From Lower Pearl Field.

We had Bro. John P. Culpepper with us in a precious meeting at Logtown. The attendance was very large till it was cut down by the cold weather and the running of the mills at night, and the interest was splendid from beginning to end of the meeting. Bro. Culpepper preached the gospel with power and to the pleasure and profit of many who heard him, from Sunday morning to the following Thursday night, when he was called home by the

continued illness of Sister Culpepper. We regretted very much to close the meeting so soon, but God's providence seemed to render it necessary. The immediate results of the meeting were five additions to the church and the people of God greatly revived and encouraged. We thank God and press on. Bro. Culpepper has a big place in all our hearts. The church at Logtown and the community have lost much in the removal of Bro. F. H. Culpepper, the clerk of our church, to Meridian. We have no house of our own at Logtown, and the Methodist brethren have kindly permitted us to use their church, for which we are sincerely grateful.

W. M. REESE,

Missionary Lower Pearl Field.

## Reply to Bro. J. H. Whitfield.

Permit me, Bro. Whitfield, to quote from a letter just received from a good brother minister in Mississippi, which I think sets the matter all right, so far as your article relates to offences, etc.

"About Bro. Whitfield's criticism of you, he is off, and does not interpret the Scripture aright as pertaining to private and personal offences. Suppose, for argument's sake, that our lesson framer should advocate infant baptism in a Sunday School lesson, would that be a private offence against a brother, and that the offended brother should tell him so privately." I have also a letter from a prominent minister in Texas, requesting me to write an article for our Texas paper, condemnatory of said lesson as taught in said quarterly.

Bro. Whitfield, is it a fact that the lesson as taught in said quarterly is unsound in doctrine? If so, should it be allowed to go unchallenged? Permit me to say very briefly—if our Sunday Schools throughout our Southland are to be thus indoctrinated, then one of our sweetest, as well as one of the great fundamental doctrines of God's Holy Word, will be swept away. No, no, David lost the joy of salvation, but not the salvation; he did not need to be recreated, to be regenerated again, as taught in the lesson on 51st Psalm, in the quarterly for 4th quarter. We expect from our leaders perfection and soundness in the doctrines. I pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

L. L. BOOKE.

## A Request.

I wish to request the pastors of Mississippi to send me the names of Baptists who have recently moved to Memphis. A great number of Baptists move into this city and never identify themselves with any of the Baptist churches, and of course are out of touch with the work. In my pastoral visitations I have found Baptist families who have been living here for a number of years and still holding their membership in some church in Mississippi, and yet they are sensitive for they think they have been slighted by the Baptist pastors. Of course they should know that it is not the preacher's fault. It is a matter of impossibility for the pastors to know of every Baptist family that moves into the

great city.

Now brother pastor you can help us in this work. If you know of a Baptist who has moved from your town or community, will you not do us the favor of sending their names to me at once?

Pastor Yarbrough sent me the name of a young man living here, who was not a member of the church, but came from a Baptist family, and I at once looked him up. He appreciated my interest and seemed to be surprised that I knew of his case, and that I was also aware of his mother's deep concern in his salvation.

Now brother, preacher or layman, if you know of any Baptists who have moved here let me know and I will see that before many weeks shall pass that a Baptist preacher shall call on them. Thanking you for your kindness and your prompt response to my request, I remain with love and best wishes for all the Baptists of Mississippi,

Yours in His Service,

H. P. HURT.

Memphis, Tenn., 1084 Court Extended.

## "From the Seminary."

The first day of December was surely a good day for us here for each man had abundant opportunity to do real self-sacrificing. It was missionary day, and the men, some of them out of their scanty means, gave every cent they ought. I was glad to be here.

As it has come to pass, more men at the Seminary this year from Mississippi have pastoral work than has been the case any other year that I have knowledge of.

Bro. J. R. Hobbs who came to the Seminary the first of October, has been called to the very important pastorate at Mt. Sterling, Ky. Rev. W. J. Bolin now at Baton Rouge La., was their former pastor, also E. Bomar, assistant foreign secretary Everett Gill, now at East Church, Louisville, and Green Clay Smith, now of Washington City.

There are about 6,000 people therein the city, and he has one millionaire member of his church and congregation. They pay Bro. Hobbs a salary of (\$1,000) one thousand dollars.

Now, I feel sure that one of the greatest inspirations, the most timely help that can come to a busy student in the midst of his many duties as student and pastor is the memory and power of the promised prayers that go up for him.

I count it a stronghold, that I am assured, especially on every Lord's day, that there are petitions being offered for me in my work, and while there are others, I will only make mention of a poor woman in a certain city in Mississippi, who made aprons for a living, while I was there. She took my hand in hers and said, "I am praying for you." Oh, that was a great gift, and she may well know that I in turn am praying for her.

Sincerely,

L. A. MOORE.

313 N. Y. Hall, Louisville, Ky.



## A Spanish Publishing House.

It is my object to set forth in this article the supreme importance of Christian literature. Of that all have long since become convinced. There are 64,000,000 of Spanish-speaking people in the world. The four Baptist Boards of the United States are publishing in perhaps a dozen countries among people who speak Spanish. While each field may have a few needs peculiar to itself, in a more general way, the same literature would serve for all, yet, in every one of these fields the work is retarded and crippled for lack of literature. The question before us is: How are Baptists going to supply the Spanish literature needed by these missionaries? We are building for the ages, hence we must look at this matter not for a limited number of years, but for all time to come. As the work grows and spreads, so the demand for literature will go on increasing in like ratio.

During the sitting of our recent Convention in Mexico City, while discussing publications and the best way of meeting our needs, three plans were presented:

First, that the Spanish department be added to one of the Baptist Publication Societies in the United States. It seems an unwise and extravagant use of Baptist money and a waste of time and energy to carry to foreign fields, at heavy cost of freight and duties, a dozen little presses to be manipulated by human muscle,—by companies of unskilled workmen, superintended by missionaries who are not only no expert printers, but are wrestling with a foreign language, while occupied with outside evangelistic work. It would be the height of injustice to expect first-class publications under such circumstances. But suppose we add a Spanish department to one of our publishing houses in the United States? With one large steam press, one company of printers, one imported Spanish or Mexican scholar to translate, read proof, etc., the best quality of paper and other supplies bought in large quantities at reduced prices and without duty, then you would be ready for business. In place of running through a few thousand transactions for one field, with a little more trouble and expense, you might issue a million, enough to supply all the fields where Spanish is spoken. By printing Sunday School papers two months in advance, they would have time to reach all our foreign fields, even the Philippine Islands.

Notwithstanding the great dearth of Spanish literature and our need of it, we find it next to impossible to get books printed. One of our missionaries prepared a simple manual for our Mexican Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, and though it contained only a hundred pages, all efforts to get it published were in vain. Another Baptist missionary labored five years and paid out hundreds of dollars, for transcribing, compiling, etc., in the preparation of a Spanish concordance, and after it was finished he applied to the leading houses in the United States and Spain, offering to make them a present of the manuscript, if they would publish it, but not one of them would touch it.

Our Baptist publishing societies are confronted with two serious difficulties: First, to secure competent Spanish printers; second, to get sales for their Spanish publications. But these may be overcome. It would be worth a great deal to any society to control the Baptist patronage in all Spanish-speaking countries. By beginning now this may be done, and after a few years it would yield heavy dividends as a business enterprise, leaving out of account the great good it would do in a religious sense to the Spanish-speaking world. But if the opportunity is allowed to slip by, little publishing houses will spring up in all our mission fields, after which no great publishing house in the homeland need hope to control their patronage.

If our four Boards in the United States could see their way clear to co-operate in officially assuring one of our publishing concerns of the patronage of all our Spanish missions, said concern would be justified in making the outlay necessary to furnish literature. This would insure an ample supply of Christian literature for all our fields, something that not one now has, and for lack of which every one is suffering. It would also put the printing where it belongs,—with the publishing houses, not with the Boards and missionaries whose special work is to evangelize. Your State Mission Boards and missionaries in the homeland do not have to turn aside from their legitimate work to write and print books and tracts.

During the long and eventful history of the Baptists there has never been a time when it was more important for our people to hang together and work together than it is now. Our future success as a denomination and the part, great or small, which we are to take in the evangelization of the world will be measured by our ability to marshal and direct all our forces. Our interests and our aims are one, and it behoves us to locate the Lord's servants and spend the Lord's money where most needed and where there is promise of the greatest return.

The second plan offered in our Convention for supplying Mexico with literature was that the two Baptist Boards laboring here combine on equal terms, and, at an expense of several thousand dollars, establish in Mexico a publishing house; a good scheme to be sure, in the absence of anything better. But Rev. J. S. Cheavens, presented a strong paper recommending that all the Baptists in Mexico, native and foreign, unite in establishing a publishing house. This was unanimously carried, and a Board of Directors elected of which Rev. W. H. Sloan of Mexico City was made president. The case was one of desperation; something had to be done, we could wait no longer. This enterprise will be embarrassed for lack of funds, but until our Boards see their way clear to give us something better, we mean to deny ourselves, that we may contribute to this most important branch of the Lord's work. If any one wishes to help us, he

may send his contribution to Rev. J. S. Cheavens, Torreon, Mexico.

J. G. CHASTAIN.

Guadalajara, Mexico, Nov. 5, 1903.

### Gospel Meetings in West Laurel, And Organization of West Laurel Baptist Church.

The "Cotton Mill District" of West Laurel contains about fifteen hundred or more people, and Pastor J. L. Low of Laurel church gave them such services as he could, and during his term of service and with the co-operation and liberal contributions of his Laurel brethren he succeeded in building a neat house of worship there in which he preached occasionally, and in which a Sunday-school was organized and which with the exception of one is the largest in this section of the State. In this chapel a series of gospel meetings was begun on November 22nd, conducted by Pastor Low, of Laurel, and the writer, who did the preaching, Pastor Low having the oversight of us all.

The congregations were good and as the meeting grew in interest it was resolved to organize a church there, which was done on Wednesday of the meeting with sixty-five members. The church receiving the name of the West Laurel Baptist Church. The meeting continued from the organization of the church and closing December 2nd, with one hundred and eleven members, fifteen of the number having been received for baptism.

The church called to active service several brethren who were deacons, and elected four others who were ordained during the meeting. A clerk and a treasurer and a Board of Trustees were elected to serve the church. The Sunday-school was taken under control of the church, and by a unanimous vote the church resolved to co-operate with the Mississippi Baptist State Convention.

Elder J. E. Phillips by a unanimous vote was called to serve the church as pastor for full time, the church agreeing to pay half his salary while looking to her good friend our Convention Board for a supplement of the other half. The writer was paid a larger amount for his service in this meeting than he ever received before for similar services rendered, the people generally contributing. This meeting which was regarded by many as one of the best and the outlook of the church as one of the brightest, closed amidst great enthusiasm, and the gratitude of many hearts ascended to God for His presence and abundant grace. This church having been brought into existence by the special providence of God and where one was so much needed, has taken her stand among the sisterhood of churches who are moving forward for the conquest of the world for Christ. God grant to her His presence with her and may her history be a glorious one. It is proper to say that Pastor Low seconded by his brethren has been God's instrument in bringing to pass this great achievement; yes, his generous God-loving brethren, will be held in remembrance for their work of love, without

which the work could not have been done.

Brother Low is much loved by the saints of West Laurel as elsewhere. Little in statue as was Zachaeus of Jericho, but big in soul, active in body industrious in habit, he glorifies God. May the blessings of God rest upon him and upon his people and upon their work, and when all is over here, may they all rest in the presence of Him whom they love and adore. Amen.

O. D. BOWEN.

Ellisville, Miss., December 6th, 1903.

### Dedication of the Hernando Church.

Last Sunday was a joyful day with Hernando Baptists. Three years ago they undertook the building of a new house of worship, but before its completion found it necessary to borrow money to finish paying for it. The debt during these years has been a great impediment to her progress and at our last business meeting, three weeks ago, the question of the debt was sprung. In a very few minutes the amount was raised and Sunday, December 6th, was set as the time for the dedication service. An interesting programme was arranged and a number of printed copies distributed. The day was an ideal one and the largest audience that has assembled in a Hernando church in many years was present on this occasion. Bro. Lomax of Batesville—and we all love "Uncle Alex"—preached the sermon from Mark 13:1-4, and it goes without saying, it was appropriate, instructive and impressive. After the sermon the church, led by the pastor, dedicated the beautiful, modern edifice to God, closing with a prayer by Brother Lomax.

The evening service was the occasion of ordaining a deacon. Bro. R. L. Bunyard, a former pastor of the church, preached, after which Bro. T. P. Flinn, who has recently united with the church by experience and baptism, was ordained to the office of deacon.

Our church has made progress along all lines during the past year. Her contributions for all purposes have been more than doubled over last year. Now that the debt is removed we set our faces hopefully towards the future, and at our next meeting plans will be made for the coming year on a broader scale. By God's help we expect to do yet greater things. And why should we not when He has done so much for us?

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### A Great Trial.

We have been passing through a season of great trial. One very dear has been sick many weeks with burning fevers and torturing pains. Sometimes we have despaired of his recovery, then the billows would seem to pass over us. Through all this time we have received much kindness from sympathizing friends, which has been like "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

There is so much of good in human nature when once the right spring is touched. We feel deeply grateful to those friends who have made us feel a kinship to them.

May the dear Lord reward them for all their sweet and loving deeds, and when the hour of sorrow comes to them may they be comforted and assisted by loving hands and tender hearts.

Sickness like a pall has hung over our community for three months, but as yet the death angel has not lain his icy fingers upon any one, but at two homes he seems to stand just upon the threshold waiting to take the mothers from the circle. It is well that this is not our abiding city, but the Christian can look forward to the "Bright Beyond" where all is love, joy and peace.

(MRS.) E. C. BOLLS

### Ministers' Mutual Benefit.

I should be glad to have a few lines of your valuable space to say a word to the Baptist ministers who read THE BAPTIST. I am now the secretary of our Ministers' Mutual Benefit Association of Texas, and should be glad to confer with any brother who cares to investigate its merits. We are intending to make it the best and cheapest fraternal insurance which a Baptist minister can carry. Expense is \$13.00 a year, and the benefit is intended to be \$1,000. A kind word from THE BAPTIST would go far towards helping many a deserted widow and the needy children of our departed brethren. I really think the matter is worthy of investigation. Any inquiry addressed to me at Texarkana, Texas, will receive prompt attention.

Yours fraternally,

O. L. HAILEY.

### Thanksgiving and Pounding.

Thursday came, and in spite of the cold wind, a splendid crowd gathered at the Berwick Church, and after some splendid music, the thanksgiving exercises introduced by an appropriate exercise by a class of the school. Then followed an address by Hon. W. I. Causey, after which the pastor preached as best he could, a thanksgiving sermon, from 1 Thes. 5:18. Then a nice collection for the Orphanage. We dismissed for dinner, and O, what a dinner! You scarcely ever see such, unless you mingle with such a community, or people. We were called together again by appropriate music, and enjoyed some beautiful recitations, rendered by some of the pupils of the school, conducted by Miss Bessie White, our efficient teacher.

We had the benediction and thought all had gone home. But they lingered around close by, and at 7 o'clock, the pastor and wife were startled by the noise of many coming. One brother came in the room and said "Come out here." What could be the matter? The hall was full, the gallery was full, the yard was full. There were bundles, big bundles, little bundles, medium bundles, just bundles and bundles. This pastor and wife never had so many presents before in their lives. What did we do? Why, just surrendered; what else could we do?

Such a people! Name them, can't name them all. There are the Causeys, the Jacksons, the Mayhalls, the Hazlewoods, the

Smythes, the Jones, the Massesys and Templetons, the Gipsons, Sterlings, Gallants, and just lots of others.

Flour, sugar, coffee, rice, ham, lard, syrup, oatmeal, canned goods, soap, soda, sauce. Well, it will be a long time before we will need anything to eat. Such a time we did have! Music, talking and laughing were enjoyed till about 9:30 o'clock, when they began to say good-by, with good wishes and blessings on the pastor and family.

After all were gone the pastor sat down and began to think, why all this? Was it because he was eloquent? No. Was it because he was good? No. Was it because he was faithful? I trust so. Oh for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that he may be a wise under-shepherd, that he may be able to lead his flock on and up to higher things for God. It is an honor for any man to be pastor for such people. You will never find a better till you go where men and women are perfect.

There will be another happy day at Berwick when we complete our new church house and get it ready to dedicate to God, then we are going to invite you, Bro. Bailey.

God bless all the workers in the State and in all the world. With a grateful heart,

J. J. WALKER.

Nov. 27, 1903.

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## From Moss Point.

I wrote you some few weeks ago of our coming meeting. Bro. M. K. Thornton, of Starkville, was with us for ten days and did some good preaching.

The visible results were not what we had hoped and worked and prayed for. Two joined by baptism. Bro. Thornton under God brought a gracious blessing to us as a church. We are better for his having come. We are still living and working in the arena of the meeting. I trust by God's grace we may so live and pray and work that God's glorious presence may ever abide with us in fullness and in power.

The work seems to be taking on new life. We have received some sixteen or seventeen into the fellowship of the church since we began on the field five months ago. We have had three baptisms and one star is approved and others expected.

We have had good interest in our regular services some twelve or fourteen for prayer Sunday night. We have just made our offering for the orphans of about twenty-five (\$25) dollars.

Our town is rapidly coming to the front. We now have electric cars running every half hour from Moss Point through Senatobia to Natchez. Our stores and churches, etc., are being lighted with electric lights and within another month the town will be lighted by same.

One other matter concerning our church work. We are negotiating for a tent to be used in various sections of the town. It may be that some know but very little about the size of Moss Point. It is three and a half to four miles across from east to west. It spreads out all over the country. It is a wonderful place; we have the advantages both of town and country life. We find there are a great many people who never go near a church so we expect to go to them.

Yours in the work,

C. M. MORRIS.

## A Word From Evangelist Miller.

After almost incessant revival efforts through the spring, summer and autumn, I am now at home for a season of rest. Sincerely do I thank the pastors and churches, with whom it has been my good pleasure to labor, for their words of encouragement and substantial support. The Lord be praised for His abundant blessings upon our Baptist Zion in Mississippi. We are all rejoicing greatly over the prosperity of Missions under the wise and faithful management of Secretary Rowe and our State Board. Everybody knew Mississippi College would put on her beautiful strength, arise, shine, when it was announced that Dr. Lowrey would accept the presidency. No one has been disappointed. Let us rally to Dr. Lowrey's modest suggestion and pay off all notes on the endowment. THE BAPTIST has reached a high standard of excellence in every respect, and is giving right direction and great strength to all our denominational interests. Who could forecast the good to men and glory to God should

every subscriber pay up all dues Jan. 1, 1904, and with these send \$2.00 from a new subscriber? Another mighty force in building the walls of Zion in Mississippi is found in our splendid body pastoral. God has eminently blessed our cause with strong, consecrated, cultured preachers of the gospel, many of them first class help in revival work. They are in demand beyond State boundaries; Bro. Crouch of Corinth is now in a glorious revival with the First Church, Jackson, Tenn. May the Lord send floods of blessings during the year soon to come.

E. B. MILLER, Evangelist.

West Point, Dec. 3rd.

## Hermanville.

Yesterday (Dec. 6) the Baptist Church made the call of their Pastor indefinite and, very much to his surprise, voted to give him at least two months each year, (without furnishing a supply), to do evangelistic work or what he pleases, this time to be taken consecutively or at intervals.

There is nothing the pastor loves and rejoices in so much as winning the lost to the Savior. This happy division of time which the church of its own accord has voted will allow the pastor to do thorough study and pastoral and pulpit work at home, as well as to "cast out into the deep" and "do the work of an evangelist." In this vote the church shows the greatest kindness and consideration for their pastor and unselfishness toward the other churches of the kingdom in putting their pastor at the service of others.

All invitations to help in meetings will be laid promptly before the Lord for His direction. In following His direction by the Spirit, blessings and success will surely attend our labors. For any personality surrendered to the promptings of the Spirit through the ever-present Spirit can win souls to Christ.

With love and prayers for God's people everywhere, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ELBERT S. POOL.

## Sunday School Notes.

December 5th and 6th at Crooked Creek Church. Found a strong church on missions—paid \$110, but without Sunday School. Organized a school and left them very hopeful.

Sunday at 3:30 o'clock had an attentive audience at Silver Creek. Made an earnest effort to enlist the older church members. Placed "Pastoral Leadership of Sunday School Forces" by Scheufler in the hands of the superintendent and nearly all the teachers.

Will be with Bro. Sutton at Braxton Thursday night and one of his churches Sunday. Then next week at Louisville at "Sunday School Institute."

Third Sunday with Bro. Posey at White Sand. Wednesday following at Antioch, and fourth Sunday at Monticello with Bro. J. P. Williams.

J. E. BYRDE.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Christian of Chicago, will celebrate their silver wedding on the 19th inst.

Rev. J. B. Quinn will divide his time for 1904 between Liberty and East Side Church, McComb.

Rev. T. N. Rhymes, of Ruston, La., was a welcome caller at the Rooms of THE BAPTIST last week.

Rev. J. W. Field has resigned both church and school at Misterton, and has removed to Grenada, where his correspondents will address him.

The editor and family acknowledge an invitation to be present at the marriage of Miss Jennie Drane Bell to Mr. Yerger on the 17th inst. May joy attend them.

The Indianola church will be without a pastor after Jan. 1st. They will need an active, strong man to succeed the talented young Mobberly. The church employs three-fourths time.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ida Cook to Mr. Hermann Allan Wolfsohn, Wednesday, December 9th, 1903. Prof. Wolfsohn is one of our best gospel singers.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

## Magazine Notes.

Those interested in American "society" often express an opinion that the so-called "smart set" is a newspaper-made plutocracy and that America is unique in this respect. To read Lady Henry Somerset's article "British Social Life," in the December Cosmopolitan, corrects this view. Lady Somerset is an important member of the old aristocracy, and her article on the new fashionable London of today is at once an interesting commentary on the tendency of the times and a protest against some of its more harmful features.

## The Pope Bicycle.

The re-issue of the Pope bicycle daily-leaf calendar may be considered the opening gun proclaiming the natural and healthful return of bicycling. Col. Albert A. Pope, the founder of our bicycle industries and the pioneer in the Good Roads Movement, is again at the head of the bicycle industry. Upon the 366 calendar leaves are freshly written lines, from the pens of our greatest college presidents, doctors, clergymen, statesmen, and other eminent men and women, all of them enthusiastically supporting bicycling. Half of each leaf is blank for memoranda. This college is free at the Pope Manufacturing Company's stores, or any of our readers can obtain it by sending five 2-cent stamps to the Pope Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., or 143 Sigel Street, Chicago, Ill.

## Literary Notes.

THE DELINEATOR FOR JANUARY.

The January Delineator contains literary and art features of exceptional value, reliable fashion information, including a letter from Mrs. Osborn, the foremost modiste in America, who has become a regular contributor. The pictorial presentation of the season's styles is excellent. A number of pages are given to a description of Parsifal, Wagner's great music drama, and an interpretation of the theme by W. J. Henderson, with personal reminiscences of the first performance of the opera at Bayreuth, by Gustav Kobbe. The illustrations are from the only photographs ever made of the opera, and are now published for the first time. Mr. Kobbe also contributes an interesting paper describing the life of Mme. Schumann-Heink at Villa Tim, her home near Dresden, Germany.

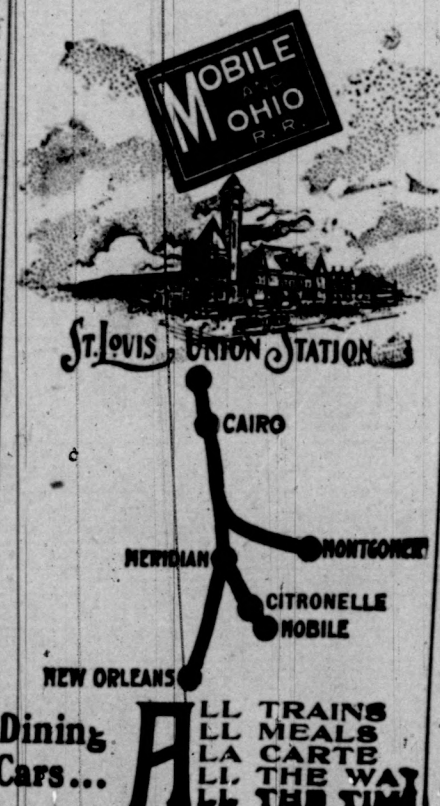
There are stories by Jack London, whose book, "The Call of the Wild," is one of the most popular of the year, and Kathryn Jarboe, and the fourth installment of The Evolution of a Club Woman, by Agnes Surbridge. The first paper of "The Fountain of Youth" introduces a series of practical benefit to women who are in search of, or desirous of retaining, good looks, and an inspiring paper on The Joy of Living, by Lillie Hamilton French, will appeal to thoughtful persons. In addition, there are house building and house furnishing ideas; entertaining stories and pastimes for children, including serials by Albert Bigelow Paine and Gabrielle E. Jackson, and matter of interest to women of all ages.

The new engineering building of Brown University contains one of the largest and best testing machines ever erected in this country. It has a capacity of 400,000 pounds and tests either intension, compression, or cross-bending. Specimens ten feet long can be tested in tension and compression, and twenty-feet long in cross-bending. It can pull apart a steel bar three inches in diameter and weigh the pull. The machine is also provided with mechanism for automatically poising weighing levers so that it can be readily operated by one man. Generous gifts from Alumni have made possible purchases of the best machinery obtainable, and excellent facilities are now in possession of this department of the University.

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Per contra to the above there are constantly those getting through with regular attentions and are happy with the results. For these to go to health or pleasure resorts though not essential, the greatest benefits will be derived and their pleasures unimpeded.

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Mr. Harlup replies: "I have no money. THE SOUTHWESTERN COMPANY offered me a job about two months ago to sell their great new book, 'Courage and Comfort,' or, 'Sunday Morning Thoughts,' written by the once cowboy preacher, now scholarly author and wealthy publisher, Dr. J. B. Cranfill, with illustrations by the distinguished artist, Frank Hend, of the Ram's Horn. They wrote me they had agents last year who made over three hundred dollars in the two months before Christmas, and that, too, selling an old book, which they had been offering for years. They said they confidently believed that with this book I could do even better; but I didn't take the agency, for fear I couldn't succeed; and, as I said, I have no money to buy Christmas presents."

Mr. Makeit: "I am sorry, Mr. Harlup. You ought to have accepted their offer. I have known THE SOUTHWESTERN COMPANY for years, and know they are reliable."

Mr. Harlup: "I have heard that just before Christmas is the best time to sell

books, and oh, wish I had been at it the past two months."

Mr. Leve head Fullhand speaks: "How does my account stand?"

Mr. Saveit, the banker, replies: "Balance to your credit, \$216.20." Mr. Fullhand: "Correct. Here is \$240 more which I have saved from my delivery of 'Courage and Comfort.' I want to deposit it today. By the way, Mr. Saveit, have you seen my book? It is one of the greatest and best ever written, filled with true lessons truly taught, bright stories brilliantly told, great thoughts of a great mind plainly presented. It contains over 500 pages, with more than 50 full-page illustrations, and is new from cover to cover. The binding, you see, is handsome grooved olive green, library shade, with cover stamp in ink and gold. The price to subscribers only \$2.50."

Mr. Saveit: "I'll take a copy, Mr. Fullhand, and am much obliged to you for bringing the book to my attention. Is it your purpose to continue work for THE SOUTHWESTERN COMPANY next year?"

Mr. Fullhand: "Yes. I have never done any work that pays so well and it is my intention to begin again immediately after Christmas and put in full time next year."

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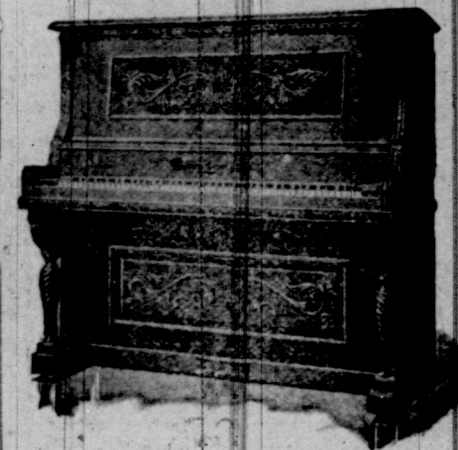
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## In the Crusade In This Country



for the cause of religion, education, and in fact everything which is calculated to create and maintain the higher civilization, there has always been one main factor which we doubt not has contributed a very large share to the ends sought, and that is music. All the religious societies which are based on the Bible and have reason and common sense for their foundation, have incorporated, to a very large extent, in their form of services this elevating and ennobling influence. Every educational institution of any magnitude whatever, finds it one of its very best adjuncts. It is a foregone conclusion, then, that music is a great necessity in any civilization. When we maintain that the home, the very corner-stone of all civilization, is so incomplete without this binding and elevating influence within its holy precincts, and we know too well that the lack of it is very often the cause of the scattering of the family circle, and frequently the down fall of some loved one, for the wicked and savage element have long recognized its power to attract, and sad to say, never fail to employ its influence to get the unwary within their power. Great is the pity that every home in our broad land does not use it to the same purpose.

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Account of the Christmas Holiday, the Queen & Crescent Route, on December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, 1903, and January 1, 1904, will sell round trip tickets from and to all points on its lines, and to all points east of the Mississippi, and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, at rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip, with final limit January 4, 1904.

Excursionists by using the Queen & Crescent Route will have advantage of the very highest class of passenger train service that the country affords, with splendid day coaches, Pullman sleeping cars and dining cars.

The public, for this occasion, is offered a splendid opportunity to visit their old homes during the Holidays at a small cost.

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## Deaths.

[Death notices of 100 words and marriage notices of 25 are printed free; all over, cost one cent per word, which must accompany copy of notice.]

## J. W. Eckles.

Bro. J. W. Eckles died at his home near Orangeville, Miss., on December 7, 1903. He was a good man, and for years he lived a truly Christian life, being one of our best members of Beulah Church at Brownsville, Miss. He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter, with many other loved ones to mourn his loss to them. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

CHAS. L. LEWIS.

## J. D. Morton.

Elder J. D. Morton died at his home in Benton county, Miss., on October 1st, 1903, and was buried next day at Bluff Springs. Elders J. A. Antry and J. T. Cox conducted the funeral services. He was in his 63rd year; was converted in his 19th year; was ordained in 1878 and for over twenty years preached the gospel, serving churches in reach of his home. He bore his last illness of four months patiently, and died in the triumph of a living faith. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

W. E. BERRY.

Blue Mountain, Miss.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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The Cancer Germ said to have been discovered by an Eastern Physician caused great surprise. Heretofore this disease was supposed to be caused by a cell growth. Careful experiments are being made. Dr. By, the Eminent Cancer Specialist, of Kansas City, Mo., is being besieged by hundreds of people suffering with this dread disease. The Doctor is curing many cases, thought to be incurable, with the combination of a Medicated Oil. Persons suffering or having friends afflicted should write for an illustrated book on the treatment of cancer, tumor, ulcer, piles, fistula, and all skin and womb diseases. Address Dr. W. O. BYE, Cor. 9th and Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

## Married.

Mr. Joe Slater and Miss Emma Boyd were united in marriage at Chapel Hill, by Chas. L. Lewis, November 22, 1903.

Mr. J. W. McFarland and Miss Grace Thigpen were married in Raymond, Miss., November 11, 1903, by Chas. L. Lewis.

Mr. R. E. Cox and Miss Sallie Richardson, of Orangeville, Miss., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, on December 6, 1903, by Chas. L. Lewis.

On December 10, at the home of the bride near Guyton, Miss., Mr. R. L. Jameson and Miss Anna Reece were happily married by Rev. W. B. Berry. The happy couple left soon after the marriage for their new home in Union county.

At the home of the bride's parents near McComb, Miss., Mr. John Jones to Miss Ida Fitzgerald, the writer officiating. May heaven bless and guide them through life.  
 I. B. QUIN,  
 McComb City, Miss.

## Our Boys Should Learn

To laugh; to run; to swim; to carve; to be neat; to make a fire; to be punctual; to do an errand; to cut kindlings; to sing, if they can; to help their mothers; to hang up their hats; to respect their teachers; to hold their heads erect; to sew on their own buttons; to wipe their boots on the mat; to speak pleasantly to older persons; to put every garment in its proper place; to remove their hats upon entering a house; to attend strictly to their own business; to be as kind and helpful to their sisters as to other boys' sisters.—November *Woman's Home Journal*.

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Baptist Superintendent	7 cents	Bible Intermediate	1 cent each
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Bible Lesson Pictures, 75 cents per quarter.		Bible Lesson Pictures	75 cents
QUARTERLIES		HOME DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS	
Senior	4 cents	Senior H. D. Quarterly	4 cents
Advanced	2 "	Advanced H. D.	2 "
Intermediate	2 "		
Primary	2 "		
Our Story Quarterly (new)	1 1/2 "		
per copy 1 per quarter		ILLUSTRATED PAPERS	
per copy 1 per quarter		Young People (weekly)	13 cents
per copy 1 per quarter		Boys and Girls (weekly)	5 1/2 "
per copy 1 per quarter		Our Little Ones (weekly)	4 1/2 "
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## WOMAN'S WORK.

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[Direct all communications for this department to Clinton, Miss.]

## Women's Central Committee:

Mrs. E. G. Hackett, President,  
Meridian; Mrs. W. R. Woods,  
Secretary, Meridian.

## Program.

December 1903.

Subject—China.

"The Gospel—God's greatest answer  
to man's greatest need."

1. Text for Scripture talk: Paul's  
Song of Triumph, 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.

2. Praise Service singing well known  
hymns.

3. Præflet: "The Haystack Prayer-  
meeting."

4. Worth Thinking About: "What  
are churches for but to make mission-  
aries? What is education for but to  
train men? What is money for but to  
send men? What is life itself for but  
the enthronement of Jesus Christ in the  
heart of men?"

5. Missionary Camp-fire, the fol-  
lowing topics to be furnished by differ-  
ent members: How Much Should we  
give to Missions? What do we most  
need? Time, Money or Consecration?

6. What have we for which we should  
Præflet God?

7. Chain of Prayer: Confessing need  
of higher ideal of service, for revival  
of the missionary spirit.

8. Item: "In China, our work has  
made marked progress during the year.  
While there have been rumors of unrest  
in certain sections, our missionaries have  
pressed on with faith and energy. Bap-  
tism 263."

9. Drill on names of Missionaries in  
Southern, Central and North China. See  
cover of Foreign Mission Journal.

10. Business. Roll call, etc.

11. Appoint Special Committee to  
take charge of the Christmas Offering for  
China, to obtain and distribute envel-  
opes, and seek to interest others besides  
members. Plan for Observance of Week  
of Prayer.

12. Close with the Lord's Prayer.

13. Appoint Committee to supple-  
ment the January program, making the  
first regular meeting of the new year a  
specially good one.

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## Long Hair

"About a year ago my hair was  
coming out very fast, so I bought  
a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It  
stopped the falling and made my  
hair grow very rapidly, until now it  
is 45 inches in length."—Mrs. A.  
Boydston, Atchison, Kans.

There's another hunger  
than that of the stomach.  
Hair hunger, for instance.

Hungry hair needs food,  
needs hair vigor—Ayer's.

This is why we say that  
Ayer's Hair Vigor always  
restores color, and makes  
the hair grow long and  
heavy. 25¢ a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you,  
send us one dollar and we will express  
you a bottle. Be sure and give the name  
of your nearest express office. Address,  
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

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12. Close with the Lord's Prayer.

Mississippi Association Box  
Packing.

On Nov. 15th, this association  
met with the Gloster Mission-  
ary Society and packed a box of  
clothing and house-furnishings  
for our Frontier Missionary at  
Newkirk, Oklahoma, Bro. O. T.  
Finch, wife and child.

Before the association met we  
wrote Mrs. Woods and asked  
her for a small family. So this  
was our first attempt. We  
wanted a small family so that  
we might do a good part by  
them. At the association we so-  
lited donations and appointed  
a day on which to pack the box.

On the day appointed the dona-  
tions begin to arrive early and  
also delegates from over our  
association. The Gloster ladies  
had prepared an elegant dinner  
under the shade on the church  
lawn and we had a social time  
as well as a religious occasion.  
Many were the expressions of joy  
that day over the occasion. Some  
said it was the happiest day of  
their lives. Others said, they  
felt they had missed much in  
their lives by not having an op-  
portunity to partake in such a  
beautiful work. Some said they  
expected to do more in the future,  
that they had done so little,  
when others had done so much.  
Some said, they felt they had  
sacrificed, but on this day, they  
realized as never before, that it  
was not true. It was the most  
spiritual box-packing I was ever  
in. In fact, the Holy Spirit  
seemed to be there in great power.

## When You Are All Bound Up

and are suffering from indigestion, lack  
of appetite, foul breath, headache, dys-  
pepsia, catarrh of the stomach, kidney  
and liver complaints you need a tonic  
laxative, something that will move the  
bowels quickly, easily and without leav-  
ing harmful effects behind. Never use a  
purgative or cathartic. They weaken  
the bowels and system and make the dis-  
ease worse. Use instead Vernal Saw  
Palmetto Berry Wine. It tones, builds  
up, gives new strength and vigor, not  
alone to the bowels but to the whole be-  
ing. Only one small dose a day will cure  
any case, from the lightest to the worst.  
That means cure, not simply relief only.  
Most obstinate cases yield gently and  
easily and the cure is permanent. Vernal  
Saw Palmetto Berry Wine is not a pat-  
ent medicine. A list of ingredients is in  
every package with explanation of their  
action. Write us for a free sample bot-  
tle. Vernal Remedy Co., 90 Seneca Build-  
ing, Buffalo, N. Y.

All leading druggists sell it.

The churches that helped in this  
work were as follows:

Mars Hill.....	\$13 40
Mt. Olive.....	6 00
Gillsburg.....	5 65
Liberty.....	22 00
Berwick.....	5 50
Ebenezer.....	37 85
Memorial (a new ch.).....	3 10
New Providence.....	21 50
Gloster.....	93 45
East Fork.....	17 05

Total.....\$225 85

After we packed the box we  
felt sorry we had not asked for  
a larger family, since there was  
plenty for a large family. We  
feel that this report would not  
be complete unless we made  
special mention of the Ebenezer  
ladies. We feel that they put  
more real love in their contribu-  
tion than did some of the rest of  
us. They even hemstitched some  
of the sheets, besides pillow  
cases and napkins. They brought  
a beautiful pink cheese cloth  
comfort, padded with wool;  
one sister carding and batting  
the wool with her own hands.  
I wish all our Mississippi chil-  
dren could have seen the doll  
from Liberty that went in for  
the little girl; it was so much  
like a real baby. There were  
fifty towels in the box, a dozen  
and half sheets and everything  
else in accordance. May the  
Lord graciously bless all who  
helped in any way! The vice-  
president surely feels encouraged  
and glad she is with such a gen-  
erous, responsive people. Again  
we say, God bless you! Follow-  
ing is Bro. Finch's letter:

DEAR SISTERS:

Christmas literature has been  
distributed to every associa-  
tional vice-president and it is  
earnestly hoped they have dis-  
tributed it to every society in  
their respective associations.  
We are desirous that the liter-  
ature be in the hands of every  
Baptist woman in Mississippi.  
Let us put forth every effort pos-  
sible to make this the largest  
and best Christmas offering in  
the history of our work. The  
women of the Southern Baptist  
Convention are asked to give  
\$10,000. Let the women of  
Mississippi, who have always  
done nobly, embrace this oppor-  
tunity for honoring the Savior  
of the world by doing their part  
in sending the Word of God to  
those that sit in darkness. God  
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Mrs. Wm. R. Woods,  
N. B. Societies failing to re-  
ceive literature from the vice-  
president can secure it without  
cost by applying to Mrs. W. R.  
Woods, Meridian, Miss.

MY DEAR SISTER:—Your ex-  
ceedingly valued favor of Nov.  
18, came to hand a few moments  
ago. Our gratitude can in no  
way be expressed. We cannot  
begin to express it in words and

the only way we can think to  
express our real sincere heart-  
felt appreciation would be to go  
direct to Gloster, have the asso-  
ciation meet and pour out our  
gratitude in copious, gushing  
tears.

If I had the money and time  
this morning I would gladly go  
from here there to shake hands  
and praise the Lord with your  
noble band. This box is by far  
the best one we have ever re-  
ceived since we have been en-  
gaged in the Frontier work, and  
I wish we could express our  
sincere appreciation for it, but  
I cannot speak my heart, but I  
do wish I could meet and wor-  
ship our Savior with such a no-  
ble band of Christians.

I am so engrossed with work,  
and will not write a longer letter  
today. We are in special ser-  
vice and solicit your prayers for  
the salvation of this wicked lit-  
tle city. May the blessings of our dear  
Savior sweetly and tenderly rest  
upon all who have added to our  
comforts is our most sincere  
prayer.

Your brother in Christ,  
O. T. Finch.

## A Mistake.

Several weeks ago, in an ac-  
count of a Woman's meeting at  
Utica, the Missionary Society of  
that church was credited with  
eighty dollars, as their year's  
work, when it should have been  
one hundred and eighty dollars.  
The Editor does not know who  
is responsible for the error, but  
begs that the Utica sisters will  
grant pardon.

## Literature.


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Corn  
must have a sufficient supply of  
**Potash**  
in order to develop into a crop.  
No amount of Phosphoric  
Acid or Nitrogen can compen-  
sate for a lack of potash in  
fertilizers [for  
grain and all  
other crops].  
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to send free to any  
farmer our little book  
which explains why  
potash is so important  
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No. 2. No. 4. No. 6.

Arrive at Jackson:

11:55 p. m. 2:15 p. m. 10:00 p. m.

Leave Hattiesburg:

9:12 p. m. 10:20 a. m. 7:25 p. m.

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23rd, 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st,  
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credentials round trip tickets will be sold  
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THE STUDENT BODY,

Per Miss Cora Batson.

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Lemon Juice

Various experiments by eminent  
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germs of typhoid and other fe-  
vers. Germs of diseases are de-  
stroyed in the system by the fail-  
ure of the bowels to act regul-  
arly. MOZLEY'S LEMON ELIX-  
IR is a laxative, made from  
the juice of pure lemons, and has  
no equal for cleansing the system  
of impurities. It acts prompt-  
ly on the bowels, liver and kid-  
neys and does not gripe or cause  
any unpleasantness. 50 cents per  
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# CHRISTMAS BELLS

Have begun to merrily chime around the fireside of the happy homes of every vicinity. Reminding the old as well as the young that the most pleasant time of the year will soon be here and an occasion that is looked forward to with much anticipation. Every father and mother's special delight is to see each and every little heart of the home made glad by reminding

## "OLD SANTA CLAUS"

that they will expect him, with his many presents. Remember that the

## "Big Department Store" of Johnson-Taylor Company

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—Rev. E. C. Schilling has accepted the call from the Summit church.  
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—Rev. Austin Crouch, of Corinth, has been in a good meeting with the First Church, Jackson, Tennessee.  
—The going of Brother Schilling from Gillsburg leaves a good field vacant. Gillsburg, Mount Vernon and Amite River.  
—Mr. Rockefeller added \$100,000 to South Carolina's \$125,000 for the endowment of Furman University. He had promised anything.  
—The Baptist Argus contained a good likeness of our J. R. Hobbs who has been called to Mt. Sterling, Ky., which he serves in connection with his Seminary work.  
—Rev. Everett Gill, pastor of the East Baptist Church, seems to be stirring up the demons up in Louisville. In a series of papers before the Pastor's Conference he takes the position that, if the Baptists of Louisville, for example, would be scriptural, they must have but one church, which church might have as many "branches" as it wanted throughout the city.  
—Sunday was Orphanage day at the Jackson First Church. Pastor Yarbrough preached an appropriate sermon from Psalms 19:17: "He that pitieth the poor lendeth to the Lord." Superintendent Carter took the stand and answered several questions concerning the work and its needs. "Farmer" Derrick told of the yield from field and garden. The children of the Orphanage sang several songs and recited Scripture passages, and then the congregation let their

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